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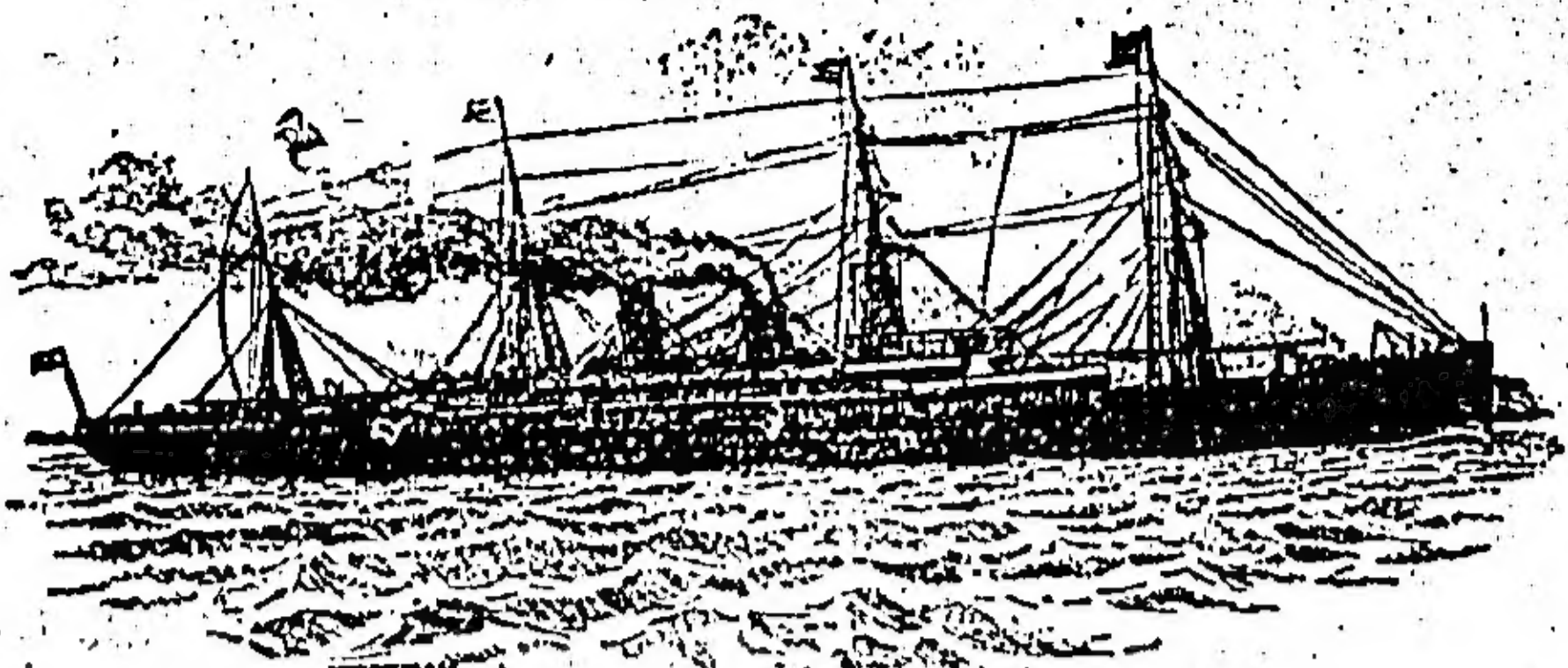
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TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO,  
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## PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

"KOREA"	SUNDAY, 14th December, at Daylight.
"GABLO"	TUESDAY, 23rd December, at Noon.
"HONGKONG MARU"	WEDNESDAY, 31st December, at Noon.
"CHINA"	THURSDAY, 8th January, 1903, at Noon.
"DORIO"	FRIDAY, 17th January, 1903, at Noon.
"NIPPON MARU"	SATURDAY, 24th January, 1903, at Noon.
"SILBIA"	SUNDAY, 31st January, 1903, at Noon.
"COPTIC"	TUESDAY, 10th February, 1903, at Noon.
"AMERICA MARU"	TUESDAY, 17th February, 1903, at Noon.

Record Trip Yokohama to San Francisco made by s.s. "KOREA," 12,000 tons, Oct. 18th-28th, 1901; 10 days, 15 hours.

THE P. M. Company's Steamship "KOREA" will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, TO-MORROW, the 14th instant, at Daylight, taking Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe. Passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States and Canada. Passengers holding through ORDERS TO EUROPE have the choice of the Overland Rail Routes from San Francisco, including the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY; also the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY on payment of £4 in addition to the regular tariff rate.

Passengers holding Orders for OVERLAND CITIES in the United States have between SAN FRANCISCO and CHICAGO, the option of the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and other direct connecting Railways, and from Chicago destination the choice of direct lines.

Special rates (First-class only) to European Ports, are granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Consular Services, and European Civil Service Officials located in Asia, and to European Officials in the Service of the Governments of China and Japan.

TO UNITED STATES AND CANADIAN PORTS, Special rates (first class only) are granted and will apply only to Missionaries, Members of the Naval and Military Services, and to Consular and Diplomatic Officials of the Governments of China and Japan.

Return Passage.—Reduction will be made to passengers who do not hold return tickets, making the return journey between ports in the Orient and Honolulu or beyond, within twelve months.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railway, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Companies' and connecting Steamers.

Freight will be received on board until 4 P.M. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at the Office until 5 P.M. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany each shipment of Cargo or parcel (valued at \$100. Gold or over) destined to Ports, beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Companies' Office addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

Merchants' Invoice will be sufficient for cargo or parcel (each shipment) when the value is less than \$100. U.S. Gold.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Companies, Queen's Building.

E. W. TILDEN, Agent.

Hongkong, 13th December, 1902.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COY.'S  
ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIP LINE.

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THE FAST ROUTE BETWEEN CHINA, JAPAN AND EUROPE, VIA CANADA  
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CALLING AT SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA & VICTORIA, B.C.)  
"EMPRESS" Twin Screw Steamships—6,000 Tons—10,000 Horse Power—Speed 19 Knots.

## PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

R.M.S. "EMPRESS OF JAPAN"	6,000 Tons	WEDNESDAY, 17th Dec., 1902.
"ATHENIAN"	3,882 "	WEDNESDAY, 31st Dec., 1902.
"EMPRESS OF CHINA"	6,000 "	WEDNESDAY, 14th Jan., 1903.
"EMPRESS OF INDIA"	6,000 "	WEDNESDAY, 11th Feb., 1903.
"TARTAR"	4,425 "	WEDNESDAY, 25th Feb., 1903.
"EMPRESS OF JAPAN"	6,000 "	WEDNESDAY, 11th Mar., 1903.
"ATHENIAN"	3,882 "	WEDNESDAY, 18th Mar., 1903.
"EMPRESS OF CHINA"	6,000 "	WEDNESDAY, 1st April, 1903.
"EMPRESS OF INDIA"	6,000 "	WEDNESDAY, 22nd April, 1903.
"TARTAR"	4,425 "	WEDNESDAY, 6th May, 1903.
"EMPRESS OF JAPAN"	6,000 "	WEDNESDAY, 13th May, 1903.
"ATHENIAN"	3,882 "	WEDNESDAY, 27th May, 1903.

THE magnificent "EMPRESS" Twin-screw Steamships of this Line pass through the famous INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and usually make the voyage YOKOHAMA TO VANCOUVER (B.C.) in 12 DAYS, ("TARTAR" and "ATHENIAN" 14 DAYS), saving THREE DAYS TO A WEEK in the Trans-Pacific journey, and make connection at Vancouver with the PALATIAL OVERLAND TRAINS of the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY which leave daily, and cross the Continent FROM THE PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC WITHOUT CHANGE. Close connection is made at Montreal, Quebec, Halifax, New York and Boston with all Trans-Atlantic Lines, which passengers to Great Britain and the Continent are given choice of.

Passengers Booked through to all principal points and AROUND THE WORLD. Return tickets to various points at reduced rates. Good for 4, 6, 9 and 12 months.

SPECIAL RATES (First class only) granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Civil Services, and to European Officials in the Service of China and Japan Governments.

The attractive features of the Company's route embrace its PALATIAL STEAMSHIPS, (second to none in the World), the LUXURIANCE OF ITS TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS (the Company having received the highest award for same at Chicago World's Exhibition), and the diversity of MAGNIFICENT MOUNTAIN AND LAKE SCENERY through which the Railway passes.

THE DINING CARS and MOUNTAIN HOTELS of this route are owned and operated by the Company, and their appointments and Cuisine are unexcelled.

For further information, Maps, Guide Books, Rates of Passage, &c., apply to

D. E. BROWN, General Agent,  
Pedder's Street.

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE.  
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Taking Cargo at through Rates to ANTWERP, AMSTERDAM, ROTTERDAM, COPENHAGEN, LISBON, OPORTO, LONDON, LIVERPOOL, GLASGOW, TRIESTE, GENOA, PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK SEA and BALTIC PORTS; NORTH and SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.

## PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STREAMERS.	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.
SUEVIA	HAVRE and HAMBURG. (Calling at SINGAPORE and COLOMBO).	17th Dec. Freight.
ADRIA	NEW YORK VIA PORTS.	30th Dec. Freight.
STRASSBURG	GENOA and HAMBURG. (Calling at SINGAPORE and PENANG).	31st Dec. Freight.
NURNBERG	HAVRE and HAMBURG. (Calling at SINGAPORE and COLOMBO).	13th Jan. Freight.
SILESIA	HAVRE and HAMBURG. (Calling at SINGAPORE and PENANG).	27th Jan. Freight and Passengers.
WURZBURG	HAVRE and HAMBURG. (Calling at SINGAPORE and COLOMBO).	10th Feb. Freight and Passengers.
C. FERD. LAISZ	HAVRE and HAMBURG. (Calling at SINGAPORE and PENANG).	24th Feb. Freight.

For further Particulars, apply to

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE,  
HONGKONG OFFICE,  
No. 1, Queen's Building.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1902.

## Notice of Death.

CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE  
COMPANY, LIMITED.

## NOTICE.

DURING my TEMPORARY ABSENCE  
from the Colony, Mr. E. W. MANTLAND  
will act as SECRETARY of the Company.  
By Order of the Board,  
W. H. RAY,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, 10th December, 1902. [1351d]

## Masonic.

PERSEVERANCE LODGE OF  
HONGKONG, No. 1,165.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above  
LODGE will be held in the FREE-  
MASON'S HALL, Zetland Street, on TUESDAY,  
the 16th instant, at 5 for 5.30 p.m. precisely.  
Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend.  
Hongkong, 10th December, 1902. [1352d]

## Consignees.

THE UNION STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "TREMONT"  
FROM TACOMA, VICTORIA, KOBE,  
HAMA, KOBE AND MOJI.

The above Steamship having arrived, Con-  
signees of Cargo are hereby requested to send  
in their Bills of Lading for countersignature  
and to take immediate delivery of their Goods  
from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel  
will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk  
and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in  
any case whatever.

DODWELL & Co., LIMITED,  
Agents.

Hongkong, 8th December, 1902. [374d]

FROM HAMBURG, BREMEN, ROTTER-  
DAM, ANTWERP, PENANG AND  
SINGAPORE.

THE N.D.L. Steamship.

"NURNBERG,"

Captain Jaburg, having arrived from the  
above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby  
requested to send in their Bills of Lading for  
countersignature by the Undersigned and to  
take immediate delivery of their goods from  
alongside.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless  
notice to the contrary be given before Noon,  
TO-DAY.

Any Cargo impeding her discharge will be  
landed into the Godowns of the Hongkong  
and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited,  
and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods  
have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining  
undelivered after the 15th instant will be  
subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are  
to be left in the Godowns, where they will be  
examined on the 15th instant, at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE,  
Hongkong Office.

Hongkong, 9th December, 1902. [1348d]

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

NORDDEUTSCHER HAMBURG-AMERIKA  
LLOYD.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship

"KONIG ALBERT,"

of the NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD,  
having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby  
informed that their Goods, with the exception  
of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being  
landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns  
of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and  
Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, whence  
delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless  
notice to the contrary be given before 3 P.M.,  
TO-DAY.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods  
have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining  
undelivered after the 18th instant will be  
subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are  
to be left in the Godowns, where they will be  
examined on THURSDAY, the 18th instant,  
at 9.30 A.M.

All Claims must reach us before the 22nd  
instant, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the  
Undersigned.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD,  
MELCHERS & CO.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, 11th December, 1902. [653c]

THE PORTLAND AND ASIATIC  
STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. "INDRASAMHA,"

FROM PORTLAND (OR), YOKOHAMA,  
KOBE AND MOJI.

THE above steamer having arrived, Con-  
signees of Cargo are hereby requested to send  
in their Bills of Lading for Countersignature  
and to take immediate delivery of the vessel  
goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel  
will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk  
and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in  
any case whatever.

ALLAN CAMERON,  
General Agent.

Hongkong, 12th December, 1902. [1357d]

F. BLACKHEAD & CO.,

SHIP-CHANDLERS, SAILMAKERS,  
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AND GENERAL COMMISSION  
AGENTS.

PRAYA CENTRAL HONGKONG,  
SOAP MANUFACTURERS.

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SHIPS STORES AND REQUISITES  
ALWAYS IN STOCK  
AT  
REASONABLE PRICES.

Hongkong, 14th May, 1896. [13]

## Intimations.

NOTICE.

OCCUPIERS of DOMESTIC BUILD-  
INGS are hereby requested to co-operate  
with the Board in its efforts to combat PLAGUE  
by thoroughly cleansing their Dwellings and  
Servants' Quarters between the 15th November  
and 15th December next.

After the 15th December, the Board proposes  
to strictly enforce the provisions of the bye-laws  
governing "Domestic Cleanliness and Ventila-  
tion," and the Board will, if on inspection it be  
found necessary, direct its officers to cleanse  
and disinfect premises under the provisions of  
the bye-laws for the "Prevention or Mitiga-  
tion of Epidemic, Endemic, or Contagious  
Diseases."

By Order of the Board  
G. A. WOODCOCK,  
Secretary.

Sanitary Board Office,  
5th November, 1902. [1183d]

SANITARY BOARD.

OWNERS of HOUSES situated in the  
Western Division of the City of Victoria  
who have not had their Premises LINE-  
WASHED and CLEANSED in accordance  
with Law, are reminded that the period during  
which this work should be FINISHED ends  
on the 31st day of DECEMBER, 1902, and the  
Sanitary Board, being convinced of the necessity  
of cleanliness in its efforts to stamp out Plague  
is determined to rigorously prosecute any  
owner in default after the above named date.

By Order of the Board,  
G. A. WOODCOCK,  
Secretary.

Sanitary Board Office,  
Hongkong, 31st December, 1902. [1321d]

NOTE.—The Western Division of the City lies  
to the West of Morrison and East Streets.

THE STEAM LAUNDRY COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

WORKS.—Causeway Bay (adjoining  
Kennedy's Stables)  
TOWN DEPOT.—2, Beaconsfield Ar-  
cade (Alleyway).

ALL work is done under European super-  
vision, and the objectionable prac-  
tices, common to Chinese laundries,  
of damping from the mouth and sleeping on  
the clothes are not permitted. Collection and  
delivery at private residences. Monthly Terms  
quoted for Gentlemen. Special terms to fami-  
lies on application to—

F. G. ALLEN, Manager.

Hongkong, 6th December, 1902. [1308d]

CORONATION CELEBRATION FUND.

NOTICE is hereby given that ALL  
ACCOUNTS in connection with the  
above must be presented to the Undersigned  
on or before WEDNESDAY, the 17th instant.

J. R. M. SMITH,  
Hon. Treasurer.

Hongkong, 3rd December, 1902. [1334d]

THE DAIRY FARM CO., LIMITED.

HAVING just received a New Consig-  
ment of FRESH AUSTRALIAN  
CREAMERY BUTTER, the Company is  
now prepared to supply Customers as before.  
Price: 90 cents per lb.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1902. [1295d]

TUBORG BEER.

A FIRST CLASS PILSENER BEER,  
guaranteed free from Salicylic Acid,  
and any other Chemicals.

PRICE \$10 per case of 48 bottles (quarts).  
Special Prices for Quantities.

Sole Agents—  
SIEMSEN & CO.

Hongkong, 29th May, 1902. [1595d]

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NONOBIKI MINERAL WATER CO.,

KOBE, JAPAN.

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RITCHIE & Co.,

39, Des Voeux Road.

Hongkong, 10th December, 1902. [167d]

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SPECIALITIES:  
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TRADE MARKS:  
MAXIM, BERNA, &c.

REPAIRS OF WATCHES and CLOCKS  
by competent European experts at  
Moderate Rate.

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Hongkong, 10th October, 1902. [125d]

TAI LOONG.

Land & Lyndhurst Terrace.

NEW Kid Gloves, Fancy Dress Goods,  
Capes and Jackets, Flannels and Serges.

Wool Shawls.

Hongkong, 14th October, 1902. [1502d]

## Hotels.

## GO TO THE

KOWLOON HOTEL,  
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THE CONNAUGHT HOUSE,  
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A FIRST CLASS HOTEL SITUATED NEAR THE BANKS AND PRINCIPAL  
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Large and lofty Rooms Elegantly Furnished. Hydraulic Elevator.

Hot and Cold Water throughout. Special Rates for Tourists.

Launch Service for Guests.

For Terms, apply to THE MANAGER.

Hongkong, 1st November, 1902. [1339c]

"BOA VISTA,"  
(HOTEL SANITARIUM OF SOUTH CHINA)  
MACAO.

THE most select Hotel in the Far-East, beautifully situated, over-looking the sea, and  
affords comfortable accommodation for travellers.

The strictest supervision as to food and cleanliness is exercised by a European Manager.

Telegraphic Address: "BOA VISTA."

## Intimations.

INCANDESCENT GAS LIGHT.

The attention of consumers is drawn to the fact that  
the Undersigned, being Sole Agents for

DR. AUER VON WELSBACH CO.,

VIENNA,

THE INVENTORS OF INCANDESCENT

GAS LIGHT.

ARE SELLING THE ONLY GENUINE MANTLES,

The Price of which has been reduced to

FIFTY CENTS per piece.

BEWARE OF INFERIOR IMITATIONS!

KRUSE & Co.,

CONNAUGHT HOUSE.

12th October, 1898. [121]

PETER SYS' WONDERFUL SPECIFIC.

THE only remedy at present known as an INFALLIBLE and PERMANENT CURE  
FOR SPRUE, DYSENTERY, DIARRHOEA, HEMORRHOGE and ULCERATION  
of the BOWELS.

Recommended by some of the Chief Specialists of the Medical Profession  
Sold

## FRANCE'S FINANCIAL NEMESIS.

The French budget estimates last year were made to balance with beautiful precision. There was estimated income of 73,554,254,212 francs, which was to exceed the expenditure by the modest sum of 348,650 francs. But towards the year, there was no little anxiety as to the financial situation, and great was the enthusiasm of the Chamber when the Finance Minister pronounced a pompous eulogy upon the policy of the Ministry, claiming that the legislature of 1898-1902 would stand before the country with a surplus of 273,000,000 francs and a notable decrease in the national debt. The Chamber was delighted and voted the ingenious orator the only compliment it can bestow, the plauding of his speech. Still many acute critics were not satisfied, and it was asserted, in authoritative quarters, that so far from showing a surplus, the budget really involved a deficit of 110,000,000 francs. It has fallen to the unfortunate Combes Ministry to reap the whirlwind, where their predecessors sowed the storm, and to be driven to the unpopular course of imposing fresh taxation to meet the enormous deficit now disclosed. Forty millions francs of the total sum is due to remissions of taxes in connection with the Sugar duties, but if we exclude this amount, there remains the startling fact that in a period of profound peace the revenue exceeds the ordinary expenditure by 167 millions of francs. Mrs. Crawford, than whom there is no more acute observer of contemporary French politics, recently expressed her conviction that national bankruptcy would overtake one, or both the partners to the Dual Alliance before their magnificent schemes could be executed. It is towards this goal, certainly, that a course of reckless finance is impelling France.—*Times of India*.

## THE P. AND O. COMPANY AND SOUTHAMPTON.

The "Lookout Man" in *Fairplay*, of October and, writes—"The P. and O. Company are having four steamers built on the Clyde and at Belfast, which will be too long to enter the locks of the Royal Albert Dock, and the company have been looking round to see whether it would be to their advantage to send the vessels to the Tilbury Docks, Southampton, or some other place. So far, however, it would appear that nothing has been settled. The fact that the company were making inquiries regarding Southampton has led some paper to assert that the directors have definitely decided to transfer the sailings from London to Southampton. This, I am assured, is not correct, and in any event any decision that might be come in with regard to the large vessels need not affect the whole of the company's boats sailing from London. Should the London and India Docks Company decide to increase the length of the lock at the Royal Albert Dock, the large vessels could be admitted into that dock. The company got powers last year to make a new dock parallel with, and connected with, the Royal Albert Dock, and to provide 10,000 feet of new quay accommodation for vessels, with an entrance to the dock 750 feet long, 80 ft. wide, and 38 ft. deep on the side, and to build a graving dock 750 ft. in length. These improvements, however, will probably not be commenced while there remains any uncertainty as to what the Government may do with regard to the recommendations of the Royal Commission, but I understand that the company have already acquired the necessary land for the operations, or secured options over it. The work of rebuilding the Royal Albert Dock would, no doubt, occupy two or three years."

COTTAM &amp; CO., FOR SUM HATS

## ON AMERICAN NEWSPAPERS.

MR. DOOLEY MAKES A FEW REMARKS.

"Was ye ivr in th' pa-pers?" asked Mr. Dooley. "Wanst," said Mr. Hennessy. "But it wasn't me. It was another Minnissy. Was you?" "Manny times," said Mr. Dooley. "Whin I was prom'ent socyally, ye cud hardly pick up a pa-aper without seein' me name in it an' th' amount iv th' fine. Ye must lade a very simple life. Th' newspaper is watchin' most iv us fr'm th' cradle to th' grave, an' before an' after. Whin I was a lad thrippin' continted over th' bogs iv Roscommon, ne'er an iditor knew iv me existence, nor I iv his. Whin anything was wrote about a man 'twas pvt this way: 'We undherstand on good authority that M—chi H—y, Esquire, is on thirle before Judge G—n on an accusation iv l—c—ny. But we don't think it's true.' Nowadays th' larceny is discovered by a newspaper. Th' lead pipe is dug up in ye'r back yard be a rayporter who knew it was there because he helped ye bury it. A man knocks at ye'r dure arlv wan mornin' an' ye answer in ye'r nighty. 'In th' name iv th' law, I arrest ye,' says th' man, seizin' ye be th' throat. 'Who ar ye ye?' ye cry. 'I'm a rayporter fr th' *Daily Sleuth*,' says he. 'Photygrafter, do ye'r jooty!' Ye'r hauled off in th' circylation waggon to th' newspaper office, where a con-fession is ready fr ye to sign; ye'r thirjed be a jury iv th' staff, sintinced be th' iditor-in-chief, an' at tin o'clock Friday th' fatal thrap is sprung be th' fatal thrap iv th' family journal.

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"It is undershtud that there is much excitement in th' Minnissy family over namin' th' late's sign. Mither Minnissy wishes it called Patrick M'Glue, afther an uncle iv his, an' Mrs. Minnissy is in favour iv namin' it Alfonso, afther a Pullman car she seen wan day. Th' *Avenir Fluff* offers a prize iv thirty dollars fr th' bes' name fr this progeny. Maiden ladies will limit their letters to three hundred wurrds."

"Above is a snap-shot iv young Alfonsoita M'Glue Minnissy, taken on his second birthday, with his nurse, Miss Angybel Blim, th' well-

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known special nurse iv th' *Avenir Fluff*. At th' time th' photy-graft was taken th' infant was about to bite Miss Blim, which accounts fr th' agnysed expression on that gifted writer's face. Th' *Avenir Fluff* sought a prize iv four dollars to th' best answer to th' question 'What does th' baby think iv Miss Blim?' "Young Alf Minnissy was seven years of yesterday. A rayporter iv th' *Fluff*, sought him out an' endeavoured to interview him on th' Nicaragua, th' fair, al Roomanyan Jews, th' tahir an' th' thrust. Th' comin' statesman rayfused to be drawn on these questions, his answer bein' a ready 'Go chase ye, ersil ye big stiff!' After a day-lightful conversation th' rayporter left, bein' followed to th' gate be his jaial young host, who hit him smartly in th' back with a brick. 'He is a chip iv th' ool' block'."

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"An' so it goes. We march through life, an' behind us, marches th' photygrafter an' th' rayporter. There are no such things as private citizens. No matter how private a man may be, no matter how secretly he steals; some day his pitcher will be in the pa-aper along with Fitzsimmons' fightin' face. He can't get away fr'm it. An' I'll say this fr him, he don't want to. He wants to see what bid' th' neighbours are doin', an' he wants thim to see what good he's doin'. He gets fifty per cent iv his wish, an' more. A man keeps his front window shade up so th' pa-pers can c'me along an' make a pitcher iv him settin' in his illigant furnished parlour readin' the life iv Dwight L. Moody to his family. An' th' lad with th' photygrafter happens along at th' moment whin he is battin' his wife. If we wasn't so anxious to see our names among those prisint at th' ball, we wudden't get into th' pa-pers so often as among those that ought to be prisint in th' dock. A man takes his photygrafter to th' iditor, an' says he: 'Me attinshun has been called to th' fact that ye'd like to print this mug iv a prom'ent philanthropist,' an' th' iditor don't use it till he's robbed a bank. Ivrybody is inthrested in what ivrybody else is doin' that's wrong. That's what makes th' newspapers. An' as this is a dimmycratic country, whin ivryday was born an' akel to ivrybody else, even if they soon outgrow it, an' where wan class as good as another, an' as bad, all iv us has a good chant to have his name get in at laste wanst a year. Some goes in at Mrs. Baster's dinner an' some as victims iv a throlley car, but ivrybody lands at last. They'll get ye afther awhile, Minnissy. They'll print ye'r pitcher. But only wanst. A newspaper is to intertain, not to teach a moral lesson."

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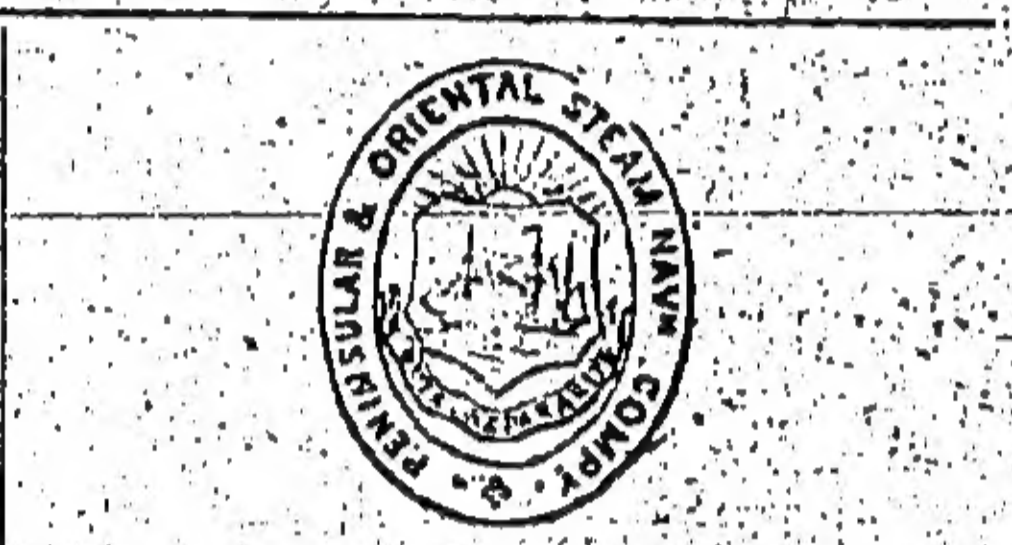
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## The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1902.

### THE CHINESE AND THE CURRENCY QUESTION.

Side by side with the report of the proceedings held at the Chinese Commercial Union this afternoon, and printed in another column, advocating the appointment of a commission to inquire into the question of currency with a view to establishing it on a fixed basis for this Colony, it is interesting to reproduce the views expressed by the Chinese members on the Municipal Commission of Singapore. These were given at the last ordinary fortnightly meeting, when among the subjects brought forward for discussion was the present all-absorbing topic of exchange difficulties. At that meeting the following resolution was submitted and carried, viz:—"That this Board is of opinion that every endeavour should be made to secure fixity of exchange and that Government be requested to submit to the Rt. Hon. the Secretary of State for the Colonies the views of the Municipal Commissioners of Singapore on the urgent need for establishing a stable currency in this Colony." When it came to the turn of the Chinese commissioners to express their views Mr. Choa Giang Thye stated that, fixity while doing good to some may do harm to others. Being a member of that Board, he naturally should like to do all he could to facilitate the business of the Corporation, but whether fixity would facilitate the work of the Municipality without injury to its general revenue is doubtful. Some of the leading Chinese whom he had consulted held a view against fixity. Mr. Lee Choon Guan gave it as his opinion that fixity of exchange would do no good to the general interests of the Straits Settlements. It would shift the burden of fluctuation between gold and silver from the shoulders of those trading with gold countries, to those dealing with silver countries. Therefore he thought fixity would do more harm than good. He would give the matter his support, but was afraid it was a very difficult problem to solve, as the interest of the Straits Settlements was not identical with that of India. The first speaker said that the opinion was entertained by certain Chinese in Singapore that if fixity was secured there did not seem to be any probability of the prosperity of the Colony being increased. The divergency of the views between the Chinese commercial community of Singapore and Hongkong is therefore great, and the conditions for the adoption of a gold standard in Singapore would seem to be, after a perusal of the articles which appeared in these columns during the week, far more favourable than they are in Hongkong. It must necessarily be, therefore, a matter of considerable difficulty for the Commission, whose appointment the Chinese Commercial Union seek to obtain, to arrive at any decision which will be satisfactory to the commercial community at the same time as it will provide a scheme, whereby the interests of the public and the commerce of the port may not be affected. That such a commission is desirable, and, indeed, almost absolutely necessary at this juncture seems to admit of no doubt. Singapore has received attention at the hands of the Colonial Office, and the support which its municipality gives in the resolution just adopted points to a general consensus of opinion in favour of a stable currency, which, if could be secured for Hongkong, would be held as nothing less than a boon and blessing to the community. We reproduce some of the views expressed by the European commissioners at the Singapore meeting, to which we have already referred. The President, Mr. Anthonisz, who moved the resolution, urged the following points that might be brought before the Government, viz:—Singapore is now situated between two gold-using countries—Burma and Siam

—and the staple article of food, rice, came therefrom. He believed the native population would feel the effect of the fall in the dollar much more keenly in the future than they were doing at present or than they had done in the past. Then as regards Municipal work, as the Commissioners were all aware the Municipality was a very large importer from gold-using countries. Before the beginning of each year the whole of the Municipal revenue was appropriated for various works and services. When there was any excess under any particular vote, owing to the heavy fall in exchange, the excess had to be made good by savings on other votes, which meant "starved" votes and simply the abandoning of certain services. Mr. Maclaren, the seconder of the motion, humorously observed that it was curious history repeated itself. They found that according to the Scriptures Solomon's vessels were all made of pure gold. Silver was accounted as nothing in those days! Placing aside for the moment other aspects of the currency questions, Mr. Barker felt bound, as a Municipal Commissioner to support the resolution. The instability of the currency was undoubtedly hitting them very hard. Their finances were thrown into confusion, and their estimates upset, by the constant drop in exchange. Although the Budget for next year had been framed to suit the means at their disposal, they might find within a few weeks that the provision they had made for necessary gold contracts was totally inadequate. Again, as large employers of labour, they were met with demands for compensation from their staff, to meet the enhanced cost of living, demands they felt to be reasonable, but without finality. Whatever might be said on the other side, and he did not deny the difficulties surrounding the question, the broad fact remains that in business stability is the first thing, nay everything, and with a silver currency they were drifting they knew not whither. He trusted the Government would press the question to a speedy settlement, for delay seemed to decrease the hope of a satisfactory solution and, speaking as a Commissioner, he felt that the sooner they got upon a gold basis the better would be the prospect for the ratepayers of Singapore. After much consideration, Mr. Jago, the third speaker, was convinced that fixity of exchange would not only be a good thing for the Colony, but would be the only way of avoiding disaster. Scientific discoveries have greatly decreased the cost of recovering silver. Millions of ounces are yearly extracted as a by-product from residues which formerly were thrown away as worthless. Year by year as new countries are opened up the production of silver must increase until a point is reached when it will no longer pay to win it. There is only one hope for silver—that is that the production of gold may so increase that the value of all commodities will greatly appreciate, amongst them silver. That, to his mind, is by no means improbable, but it must be a slow and gradual process. And they could afford to wait for it. Singapore was being rapidly transformed from one of the cheapest places in the world to one of the dearest, and thousands of people there who formerly lived in comfort, now felt the pinch of poverty. If that continued, and the only ray of hope was the enormously increased production of gold, the Colony would become bankrupt. With equal force the remark might be applied to Hongkong.

### LOCAL AND GENERAL.

**SANITARY MEASURES AGAINST HONGKONG** are still in vogue at Manila, Lisbon and Bangkok.

**SHANGHAI**—Quarantine restrictions, at the discretion of the Health Officer, are still in force against Shanghai.

**SQUATTERS' BOARD**—Mr. Bruce Shephard has been appointed secretary and Mr. George Herbert Wakeman assistant secretary, to the Squatters' Board.

**THE HON. WEI YUK**—It is notified in the *Gazette* that H. M. the King has been pleased to approve of the re-appointment of the Hon. Wei Yuk to be an unofficial member of the Legislative Council.

**THE HON. TREASURER** of the Alice Memoria and Netherdale Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donation to the funds of the Hospitals:—  
Zoroastrian Charity Fund, \$100.

**BOXING**—Charles St. Clair, of Manila, who was recently at Hongkong in connection with a boxing match is now at Shanghai where he will try conclusions with Ryan, of Peking, for \$1,000 gold, and with West of H.M.S. *Fearless* and Munday, of H.M.S. *Pique*, for a 20-round contest.

**THE SMOKE NUISANCE**—With reference to the application by the Steam Laundry Co. for an extension of forty days in which to comply with a smoke nuisance notice, it was agreed by the Sanitary Board to grant the application subject to the chimney being heightened in the meantime.

**HOWARD D. TERRILL**, the Manila attorney charged with obtaining money by false pretences in Manila, has been released; the U.S. authorities having failed to prove the charge. He was defended by Mr. Norman Ferrers.

**FAT-BOILING ESTABLISHMENT**—At the Sanitary Board meeting yesterday, the application respecting No. 1, 6 Des Vaux Road being registered as a fat-boiling establishment, was refused on the motion of the M.O.H., seconded by C. J. Hughes.

**ANOTHER COLLAPSE**—About three o'clock this afternoon the roof of the premises formerly used as a rich Dispensary, in Caine Road, opposite the Cathedral fell down with a crash injuring several persons three of whom had to be removed to the Hospital. Inspector Mackie and Withers were soon on the spot with a body of police searching for injured. The premises were undergoing alteration.

**MONEY ORDERS**—From the 1st January next, the commission to be charged on the issue of money orders payable in Hongkong and the agencies in China, will be one cent per dollar or fraction of a dollar, with a minimum charge of 5 cents; for money orders on all other places the commission will be one and a half cent per dollar; on the amount (or equivalent of the amount) in dollars, with a minimum charge of 10 cents.

**RACE PONIES**—We hear that the keen sportsman Mr. George Potts, although about to leave for home, will nevertheless be well represented at the forthcoming races, his well known ponies *Pindar*, *Desert King*, and *Rebel King* being due here from Shanghai to-morrow by one of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire's steamers. It is also probable that *Algerine* and two or three more Shanghai "cracks" will be here in time to take part in Hongkong's annual carnival.

**MALARIA AND THE MOSQUITO**—The Hongkong Odd Volumes Society will hold an At Home at the City Hall on Monday, at 9.10 p.m., when Dr. J. C. Thomson will lecture on malaria and its relation to the mosquito. H.E. Sir H. A. H. will take the chair, and a very instructive and interesting evening should ensue, especially having regard to the fact that the lecture will be illustrated with naked eye and microscopic demonstration of mosquitoes and the parasite of malaria.

**HONGKONG HARBOUR**—From the 15th inst. until the end of January next, obstructions will be laid in an area to the south of Stonecutters' Island. The area will be defined by two small black buoys with white flags laid about 1,200 yards south of the southernmost point of Stonecutters' Island. The east and west boundaries will be drawn due north to meet the Island. Anchoring within this area is prohibited, but there will be no obstruction to navigation through the area except by a few buoys which will be visible on the surface.

**A POPULAR SPORTSMAN**—Mr. George H. Potts, the deservedly popular sportsman and well known broker, who is leaving the East for a health-rip to the old country, arrived from Shanghai by the *Indus* to-day. Mr. Potts has not been enjoying good health for some time; but we are glad to hear he is now a good deal better and join with his many friends in the hope that his visit to the mother country will do him much good and that we shall have the pleasure of welcoming him back to the Gorgeous East before very long as 'fit' as ever he was, and, if possible, even more so.

**THE NEW LAW COURTS**—Thus the Hongkong correspondent of the *North China Daily News*—I am interested to note that at least a few men are engaged in chipping granite on the site of the New Law Courts. The inference is, though it is somewhat hazardous to draw inferences from any proceedings of a procrastinating Government, that the P. W. D. are really about to commence the construction of this sorely needed building. But between its commencement and its completion, what ages may elapse. The century will no longer be young, I imagine, when the cap is placed on the dome of the Law Courts.

**DR. MORRISON**, the celebrated Peking correspondent of *The Times*, arrived here this afternoon from Shanghai by the Messageries Maritimes liner *Indus*. We understand that Dr. Morrison is now taking well earned furlough and is going on from here shortly to his home in Australia by one of the up-to-date Japanese steamers plying between the fair Land of the Rising Sun and the far famed Antipodes. We are glad to hear that this distinguished voyager has completely recovered from the wounds he sustained in the gallant defence of the British Legation in Peking a couple of years ago, and heartily wish him a pleasant trip to his homeland and complete restoration of his wonted health and strength.

**A SMART RUN**—The French Mail steamer *Indus* arrived here this afternoon from Shanghai. She was piloted by Captain Anderson, Senior Member of the Shanghai Pilot Association, and has made the run down the coast at an average speed of 15 knots per hour, taking only 54 hours to cover the distance. This is good work, and shows that in the skillful hands of Captain G. Duchateau, and Chief Engineer Auguste Caesar the *Indus* is one of the fastest, as well as one of the most comfortable vessels in these parts. She brings a number of passengers, including Mr. A. J. Barry, the eminent engineer, Dr. Morrison, the veteran *Times* correspondent, Mr. George H. Potts, Mr. J. Connell, of the Centennial Syndicate, and Right Rev. Bishop Hoffmann, of Shanghai. Mr. G. Martin is Chief Officer of the *Indus*. Mr. Mathien is the courteous and indefatigable Commissaire, and Dr. Peret, surgeon, and Mr. Marty, the well-known shipowner and merchant.

### THE CURRENCY QUESTION.

MEETING AT THE CHINESE COMMERCIAL UNION.

The adjourned meeting of the members of the Chinese Commercial Union to consider and discuss the Currency Question was held at the offices of the Union at 2.30 o'clock this afternoon. There were present Mr. Fung Wa Chun, president, (in the chair), Messrs. Ho Fook, Wong Kum Fook, Li Pak, Fung Ku Shai, Ho Koi Tong, A. Rumjahn, Chun Chai Nam, Lau Chu Pak, Liao Tze Shan, Chiu Siu Ki, Tam Tze Kong, Chow Tung Shan, Cho Sik Chow, Ku Fei San, Dr. Kwan, Li Sow Hin, Chan Ming Yue, Ip Ioi Shan, and Cheong Si Kai.

Mr. Fung Wa Chun, in his opening remarks, stated that this meeting was called in response to the request of certain members for a discussion on the currency question.

On the motion of Mr. Ho Fook, seconded by Mr. Wong Kum Fook, it was resolved that the Government be requested to take steps to inquire into the advisability, or otherwise, of adopting a gold currency or standard for this Colony.

### BOMBAY-HONGKONG TRADE.

GROWTH OF THE P. & O. CO.

THE SURVIVAL OF THE Fittest.

At a time when Shipping Companies and Trusts are the topics of the hour, a brief history of the rise and progress of the opposition against the Peninsular and Oriental Company on the Bombay and China line, may not be uninteresting, more especially as it brings in order of prominence the name of a gentleman who has played no insignificant part in the early social and political life of the Colony, and who may justly lay claim to be considered as one of the makers of Hongkong. In the early years of the city, when the P. & O. Company did not boast of larger ships than the *Lady Mary Wood*, the *Brigantia*, the *Asaf*, the *Calix*, the *Rajah*, the *Arora* &c., on this side of Suez, when silk and silk piece goods from Hongkong to Bombay and Malwa opium from Bombay to China invariably had to be shut out for want of 10-m, when the freight on a chest of opium from Bombay was Rs. 50 to Hongkong and Rs. 35 to Shanghai, or nearly Rs. 180 and Rs. 225 per ton respectively, when shipping orders for opium were openly sold in the Bombay bazaars at a premium, an insignificant dispute about an opium shipping order laid the foundation of that persistent opposition which has at last culminated in the establishment of the Austro-Hungarian, the Italian and the Japanese lines of steamers. The first opposition was started in the winter of 1854 by a small syndicate of Parsee and Marwari bankers and shroffs styling themselves as the Bombay Mercantile Steam Company. They came across a Baltic cattle carrier of about 600 tons, purchased it, dub ed it the *Bombay Guste* and despatched it to Hongkong, under the command of Captain Dando, an old trustworthy commander of one of the Parsee opium clippers. The service continued for about a couple of years with more or less regularity and efficiency, but with decided success, and the syndicate was then merged into a powerful limited liability public company with greatly increased capital under the style and name of the China Merchants Steam Navigation Company and comprising amongst its numerous shareholders, almost all the Indian merchants of note in Bombay. The very first step of the new Directorate was the purchase of another clumsy rump steamer the *United Service* of about 700 tons burthen and auxiliary horse power, and these two lame ducks, thanks to the supineness or indifference of the P. & O. Company, continued to keep the semblance of an opposition and to bring in substantial returns to the shareholders, until the commencement of Civil War in America. The eyes of the Indian public were now thoroughly opened and flushed with enormous profit on cotton ventures, the shareholders in public meeting assembled, unanimously voted an addition of two new steamers on the line and the lengthening of the *United Service* by about 25 to 30 feet and placing new and powerful engines into her. The *United Service* was, I believe, sent on to Messrs. Renfrews & Co. of Dunbarton and the two new boats were built to order by Messrs. C. J. Mare & Co. of Southampton. The three vessels took their place on the line in due course and the China Merchants S. N. Co. stood face to face against the P. & O. Co. with four steamers, namely, the *John Bright*, *Indra*, *Bombay Castle* and the *United Service*. The new steamers, though pretty to look at, proved both defective and unfortunate, and the service altogether was erratic, unsafe, mismanaged and inconvenient. The *Indra* frequently broke down and had to be towed back to port and lots of money were spent from time to time to put her again in order. The *John Bright* ran down a French barque (the *Salasie*) in the Straits of Malacca, and what with litigation and legal expenses, the Company was mulcted in a pretty round sum of Rs. 200,000. Despite these defects, losses, and irregularities the Indian opposition continued to flourish and gain in strength and popularity, and taking into consideration its influence and clientele, bid fair, at no distant date, to seriously cripple the resources of the P. & O. in its most lucrative a thriving route. And strange to say, the British Company, through the pressure of ignorance and supineness, or call it by what words you please, continued indifferent, inactive and lethargic, for more than a decade during which the opposition had started. Fortunately, however, for the P. & O. the management and superintendence at Hongkong fell, at this juncture, into the hands of a gentleman who, to courtesy of manners and a genial disposition, combined in a pre-eminent degree, all the patience, industry, alertness, and dash of the good old type of British merchant pioneers who have made England what it is. No sooner Mr. Sutherland came into power than he grasped the situation at a glance and realized the danger into which his Company was running and immediately set to work bringing all the expedients of a fruitful brain and powerful resources at his back to bear on the effacement of a formidable and dangerous interloper. How well and thoroughly he succeeded in his object is already a matter of history and the records of the Company in Hongkong and London will bear ample testimony to his genius and his worth. Meanwhile, the Parsee and Indian merchants, the head and front of the opposition, not content with amassing large fortunes in cotton ventures during the American Civil War, must need gamble and dabble in shares, and after the collapse of the share mania in Bombay during 1865 one fine morning most of the Jees and Dhows came tumbling down like a pack of cards and the China Merchant S. N. Co. nearly followed suit. The P. & O. were now left complete masters of the situation and their young and energetic superintendent fully took advantage, conciliating the shippers by fair and courteous treatment, relieving the congestion of the Bombay trade by placing extra cargo steamers on the line, patiently hearing and heeding to their appeal and generally sweeping away all abuses which had crept into the service under long years of an independent monopoly and which had rendered the name of the Company very unpopular. This judicious and far-seeing policy was invariably pursued by Mr. Sutherland during the remainder of his regime and by the time he was promoted to the London Office his name had become a household word amongst the Indian community. It may not be generally known that at a public meeting of Parsee and Indian merchants assembled for the purpose just before the departure of Mr. Sutherland for England, it was unanimously and cheerfully resolved to give him an address expressing their good wishes for his future and their regard and esteem for his invariable courtesy and kindness, and for the removal of numerous grievances under which they hitherto laboured. This address (drafted out by the late Mr. Y. J. Murrow, the proprietor and founder of the *Daily Press*, in his terse and telling language) he received only on the express condition of its not being published in the papers. The rest of the history of the opposition may be briefly told. The China Merchant S. N. Co. soon after gave up the ghost. The Pacific Mail S.S. and the Messageries Maritimes Coles, each making up their minds to enter the list, but somehow or other never showed their heads and the first European opposition on the line was inaugurated by the steamers of the Austro-Hungarians in 1875, then followed the Italian (Navigazione) and lastly the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha. But the master spirit which then guided and still guides the course of the *Quis Sepa* still opposed each of the powerful lines of steamers by a keen spirit of competition. Freight on opium from Bombay was reduced from Rs. 25 and 33 or Hongkong and Shanghai respectively to Rs. 1 per chest and on cotton yarn from Rs. 36 to Rs. 1 per ton of 40 feet, a bag sugar weighing one picul from Hongkong to Bombay which previously paid \$4 for freight was now carried at 3 cents per bag and silk and silk piece goods were carried a feet from Canton at not more than 3 the freight of the river steamers from Canton to Hongkong. This cut-throat competition was carried on for some time, but the interlopers showed no signs of finching until at last the superior diplomacy of the P. & O. bought over all opposition by their agreeing to allow each of the three lines a certain annual lump sum on condition of adopting an uniform tariff of freight and undertaking to refrain from carrying opium from Bombay to China and silk and silk piece goods from Canton to Bombay. In fact, the much talked of "Concave" system of Mr. Morgan may be called nothing more than a copy of a significant scale of a scheme first successfully put into execution by a Scotchman, who some ten years ago, and in whose recent and benevolent the writer sincerely sympathizes.

### ARARAT LODGE.

APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS.

At a regular meeting of the Ararat Lodge of the Royal Ark Mariners held on the 10th inst., Bro. G. P. Lammer was duly installed as W. C. M. for the ensuing year, by Bro. C. M. Wor, 1st V. Bryant, W. R. Lammer then appointed and invested his officers as follows:—  
S. W. Bro. J. W. Edwards.  
J. W. Bro. G. G. Burnett.  
J. W. Bro. J. A. W. Neal.  
Sec. Bro. J. A. W. Neal.  
S. D. Bro. J. A. W. Neal.  
J. D. Bro. G. L. Patton.  
Guardian Bro. Brand.

### SHIPPING AND MAIL NEWS.

MAILS DUE.

French (*Laos*) 15th inst.  
American (*Guelie*) 16th inst.  
Indian (*Kunisar*) 16th inst.  
Canadian (*Athenian*) 18th inst.  
Canadian (*Empress of China*) 22nd inst.  
American (*Hongkong Maru*) 23rd inst.  
American (*China*) 24th inst.  
American (*Doric*) 24th inst.

The steamer *Merionethshire* left Singapore on the 12th inst. at 4 p.m., and is expected here on or about the 18th inst.

The H. A. L. steamer *Sletera* from Hamburg left Singapore for this port on the 11th inst., and may be expected here on or about the 17th inst.

The P. M. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Doric* with mails, &c., left San Francisco for this port via Honolulu, Yokohama, Inland Sea, Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai on the 11th inst.

The M. M. Co.'s steamer *Laos* with the next French Mail left Saigon yesterday, the 12th inst., at 9 p.m., for this port and may be expected here on Monday, the 15th inst., at 4 p.m.

The P. & A. S. Co.'s steamer *Indra* left Portland (U.S.) for this port via Yokohama, Kobe and Moji on Wednesday, the 10th inst., and may be expected here on or about the 14th inst.

ASK FOR ASAHI JAPANESE BEER—G. Girault.

## TELEGRAMS.

(Reuters.)

## The Venezuelan Difficulty.

LONDON, December 11th.

Violent demonstrations took place at Caracas on Tuesday evening on receipt of the news from La Guaira. The crowd burned the British and German flags, and attempted to burst open the doors of the German legation, shouting death to the Germans. The police did not interfere. The Venezuelan Government has placed an embargo on the British and German railways. General Castro has proclaimed an amnesty, and has called all Venezuelans to arms. Mr. Bowen, the United States Minister at Caracas, is representing British and German interests, and he has obtained the release of the principal British and German prisoners, and is insisting on the release of the remainder.

## The Venezuelan Affair.

—The Venezuelan warships, with the exception of one which is claimed as French property, have been sunk.

General Ferrer with 1,200 Venezuelans is marching on La Guaira.

General Castro has issued a manifesto describing the act of the allies as barbarous, ignominious, and treacherous, and has summoned all the states to join in defending the sacred soil.

## Fiam and the Gold Standard.

Mr. Inagaki, the Japanese Minister of Bangkok, telegraphs that the Siam Government issued an order on the 26th inst. prohibiting the free coinage of silver preparatory to the adoption of the gold standard.

## THE MOSQUITO QUESTION.

D. THOMPSON'S LETTER.

Regarding Dr. Thompson's letter dealing on the mosquitoes infesting MacDonnell Road district, which was considered at the Sanitary Board meeting and which we published in extenso last evening, the President said that the Sanitary Board was concerned only as regards the fumigation of servants' quarters, etc., within the area prescribed in Dr. Thompson's letter. The tenants had all been written to, and had agreed to the proposition.

Mr. Fung Wa Chün:—There are plenty of nullahs not drained in MacDonnell Road.

Colonel Hughes:—Yes, plenty.

Mr. Fung Wa Chün:—I think I am right in saying that a certain sum was voted at the Council for the draining of these nullahs. I see that it has not been done yet?

The President thought Dr. Thompson's letter should be sent to the Governor, and made public through the *Government Gazette*. To this Mr. Osborne objected, and said "I propose that the letter, which is of public interest, be published in the three local papers."

Mr. Lau Chu Pak seconded, and the proposition was carried.

## ADMISSION OF A NEW COUNSEL.

AT THE SUPREME COURT.

At the Supreme Court this morning before the commencement of the regular business, the Attorney General, Sir H. Spencer Berkeley, introduced to His Lordship Sir W. M. Goodman, Mr. Francis Oswald Edlin, who has arrived in the Colony to practice at the bar.

Sir Henry said the new counsel was admitted as a solicitor of the Supreme Court of Judicature of England in March 1883, and called to the bar, Middle Temple, in 1890. In October 1895 he was appointed District Commissioner of Gold Coast, and was Crown Prosecutor on two occasions, 1895-1896, and Acting Puisne Judge in 1897. In December 1897, Mr. Edlin was made Queen's Advocate at Lagos, and in the following year he was appointed, by Sir H. McCulloch to examine into the trade of the colony. For eight months, in 1899, he was Acting Chief Justice and was also once engaged in the administration of the Government of Lagos, and for a time acted as deputy for the Governor. From Lagos, Mr. Edlin went to Fiji and in 1900 officiated as Attorney General and in 1901 was made Chief Justice of that colony.

His Lordship then directed that Mr. Edlin be admitted and enrolled accordingly, and congratulated him on becoming a member of the Bar. He said that with his wide experience, he was a distinct acquisition to the local Bar, and wished him a prosperous career.

## CLAIM FOR \$16,000.

LI PING W. CHUN TONG.

The interesting case which opened at the Supreme Court yesterday was continued to-day before His Honour Chief Justice Sir William Meigh Goodman. The plaintiff claims from the defendant \$16,000 damages for having taken away stones from his quarry at Matakoko. Mr. E. H. Sharp, K.C., barrister-at-law (instructed by Mr. F. B. Deane (solicitor) again appeared for the plaintiff; and Mr. M. W. Slaz, barrister-at-law (instructed by Mr. E. J. Grist, solicitor), for the defendant.

Further evidence was taken and the Court adjourned.

## CRICKET.

A cricket match is proceeding as we go to press between the H. K. C. C. (Civilian) and H. M. S. *Tamar*. The *Tamar* went in first and were all out at two o'clock for 76 runs.

A match is also proceeding at Happy Valley between the Craigengower C. C. and the Civil Service C. C.

ASK FOR ASAHI JAPANESE BEER—G. G. Gault.

## THE SHU ON S.S. "KWONG CHOW."

SPEED TRIAL TRIP.

Yesterday morning a number of guests were invited on board the S.S. *Kwong Chow* to inspect the vessel and witness her speed trial. At ten o'clock special launches conveyed visitors, residing on the Hongkong side, off to the steamer. Included in the assembly were: the two Misses and Mrs. Shaw, Mrs. and Miss Logan, Mrs. Grover, Captains Grover (surveyor), Walker, and Messrs. Chau Siu Ki, Mumford (Lloyds), Chiu U Tin, C. K. (Government surveyor), Orchard (Government surveyor), Liao Taz San, Wei On, Wei Wing Hong, Yeung Kin Cho, Parlane, Kwan Fung Kok, Ku Fai Shan, Ip Lau Chun, Galbraith, Chau Yam Kin, Chau Sing Tong, Yung Chuk Ting, Chan Lui Chiu, Leung Ngo Sang, Yeung Pui Shan, Wang Tui Chow, Ip Wah Kwai, Logan (Dock Co.), A. Roger, Kwan Chi Ngan, Fok Tuo Kai, Chiu Chow Sam, Chiu Ping Nam, Fung Heung Chun, Ku Kar Nam, Pun Sing Chi, Fok Lai Wing, Ku Kee Yau, Li Shan Hin and others.

The vessel slipped her moorings and proceeded on her trials, between the Channel and Kowloon Rocks, shortly after eleven o'clock. In all respects the test was satisfactory, the engines and steering gear worked smoothly, the ship was quick to answer her helm, and the vibration was hardly perceptible though the vessel was without ballast. On the first measured course she made 11 knots, and on the second and third trials 11.4 knots was attained, thus giving a mean speed of 11.2 knots. The revolutions were 120 per minute, steam pressure 170 lbs to the square inch and vacuum 25 lbs. After this test was over the "mud hook" was dropped and the company proceeded to do justice to an excellent dinner, catered by Mr. Farmer, King Edward Hotel, in the spacious forward upper deck saloon. When all glasses were charged Mr. W. S. Bailey rose from his seat and said:—Ladies and gentlemen, the steamer *Kwong Chow* having completed her official trials to the satisfaction of the owners, I have much pleasure in saying a few words upon this occasion. It seems but yesterday that our friend Mr. Chau Siu Ki approached us with a request for this vessel, evidently with grave doubts as to our ability to build, but here the vessel floats today to the entire satisfaction of her owners, and we are glad to feel that we merited the confidence which they placed in us by giving us a young firm, so large an order. The owners were very clear as to their requirements. We were to build a vessel 100 feet long, to attain a speed of ten knots, while carrying a thousand passengers and 350 tons deadweight cargo. On going into the matter we found to ensure the speed under these conditions machinery of an improved type to that commonly used would be necessary and this we have fitted and without extra charge, with the result that 11 knots have been attained. At the beginning we decided that the question of profit should be a secondary one, our chief aim being to give entire satisfaction to the owners by turning out a vessel which would be even more than satisfactory; we have spared no expense to attain this end, and we have our reward to-day in the appreciation of our work expressed by the owners. It has been said that the pleasure of life consists not in the making of money, but in the accomplishment of what may be termed "satisfactions" namely, the attainment of those ends upon which we set our hearts. We made up our minds to turn out a thoroughly satisfactory job regardless of cost, and we are to-day better rewarded by the knowledge of success, and by the owners' appreciation, than if we had aimed only at making a large profit out of the work. Our relations with the owners have throughout been of the most cordial nature. Mr. Chau Siu Ki and his fellow-directors have taken the keenest interest in the design and construction of this vessel, and they have assisted us in every way. I wish to express, on behalf of my partner and myself, our high appreciation of the confidence and assistance given us by the directors of this Company, and I ask you, ladies and gentlemen, to join me in drinking a bumper to the success of the good ship *Kwong Chow*, coupling the toast with the name of Mr. Chau Siu Ki. (Applause.)

Mr. Chau Siu Ki (the Chairman of the Shu On S. S. Co.) said:—Ladies and gentlemen, before I respond to the toast proposed by Mr. Bailey for the success of the steamer *Kwong Chow*, allow me to thank you for the honour you have paid us in being present here to-day; an honour which, I need hardly say, is exceedingly gratifying both to the directors of the Shu On Steamship Co. and to myself. Speaking on behalf of the Company, I am pleased to be able to state that the *Kwong Chow* has been constructed and equipped to our entire satisfaction by Messrs. W. S. Bailey & Co. I am assured that the speed attained at her trial to-day is a very satisfactory one. The *Kwong Chow* is the largest steel vessel that has yet been launched in this Colony, and we feel very much indebted to Messrs. Bailey & Murphy for the thorough manner in which they have carried out the work. The Company are determined to do their utmost to provide for the comfort of the passengers and I feel confident that the captain and the officers of the vessel will heartily co-operate with the directors to attain that end. The trade between Hongkong and Canton is increasing to such an extent that I hope this new addition will be welcomed by those merchants immediately connected with this important portion of Hongkong's commerce. (Applause.) Ladies and gentlemen, I will now ask you to kindly join me in drinking heartily to the success and prosperity of the builders, Messrs. W. S. Bailey & Co., coupled with then in the name of Mr. E. O. Murphy. (Applause.)

Mr. E. O. Murphy, in responding, said he could not help but think the happiest moment in a shipbuilder's life was when he saw results crowned with success. He made reference to "that question of the dollar and labour troubles," and afterwards thanked the many friends, who in a busy place like Hongkong, had doubtless left their offices at considerable inconvenience to attend the trial trip. He therefore had much pleasure in toasting Mr. Mumford and visitors.

Mr. Mumford responded suitably and afterwards Captain Tom Austin, R.N.R., was toasted. The popular skipper made one of his characteristic speeches in reply, prefacing his observations by humorously apologizing for his loud voice which he attributed to the fact that most of his time had been spent in sailing vessels where good lungs were required when a man had to speak to a sailor on a top-gallant yard in a gale of wind. He spoke in the highest terms of appreciation of the liberality of the owners of the new ship.

After the caterer was toasted the paus of the forward capstan began to clank as the windlass hove the anchor cable into the chain locker, and before long the good ship *Kwong Chow* was on her maiden voyage across the harbour to the Shu On Steamship Company's wharf where, looking from the deck of the steamer, she was received by simply a sea of heads while a royal salute of crackers announced her arrival.

The *Kwong Chow* is a three deck vessel specially designed for the Canton-river passenger trade, and is the largest steel ship yet launched in this colony having a tonnage of 1,175 gross and 977 registered. Her dimensions over all are: length, 200 ft.; breadth, 35 ft.; and depth 12 ft. She has twin screws, surface condensing engines and two steel boilers. Accommodation is of the most luxurious nature and the vessel is fitted to carry no less than 1,100 passengers. The first saloon is situated at the forward end of the upper-deck and is equal in every respect to that of ocean passenger steamers. Furniture is of a most costly nature and no stateroom contains more than two berths. The second saloon is for Chinese passengers and the airy sleeping room, opening on to the promenade deck, is fitted with broad cushioned lounges somewhat similar to the second saloons of English Channel and Continental steamers; the second dining room is capable of seating from 150 to 200 persons. Spacious and well ventilated steerage accommodation is situated in the 'tween decks. Bath rooms are fitted with hot and cold water and the floors of all lavatories, etc. are tiled. The vessel is electrically lit throughout by a model dynamo and the windlass and steering gear are worked by steam. The boats and other life saving apparatus are of the most efficient and modern design.

## MISS JANET WALDORF'S DRAMATIC O.

The final production of *Sherlock Holmes* was witnessed last evening by His Excellency Sir Henry A. Blake, Lady Blake, Miss Blake, Sir H. S. Berkeley and Capt. Arbuthnot, and a large and appreciative audience. The piece went very smoothly and at the close of each act there was a call for the principals. The *Wrong Mr. Wright*, one of J. H. Broadhurst's funniest farces, will be played to-night. If the London hall-mark is required in Hongkong this piece would prove a big draw for it played a record season in the big metropolis. The *Wrong Mr. Wright* lays claim to only one mission—to amuse. We therefore look forward to a hearty laugh.

## THE STABBING CASE.

Before Mr. J. H. Kemp at the police court, this morning, Sergeant Frederick Hudson of U. S. S. *Kentucky*, was charged on remand with stabbing Private Edward Lame of the U. S. S. *New Orleans*. The defendant pleaded not guilty and was defended by Mr. Norman Ferrers. American Naval Officers were watching the case on behalf of both vessels. After a long hearing His Worship found the prisoner guilty and sentenced him to three weeks. Mr. Ferrers asked for the prisoner's release on a fine to be substituted for imprisonment as the ship was leaving for Manila on Monday. An officer from the *Kentucky* promised if the magistrate complied with the request the man would be punished on board ship. Mr. Kemp told him he had better apply to the Colonial Secretary.

## MORE PIRACY ON THE WEST RIVER.

THREE MEN KILLED.

From Chinese sources we learn that on the night of the 10th inst. whilst a junk, laden with Chinese New Year goods, and carrying a large number of passengers, was on its way from Canton to Siu Lam, the crew saw another junk lying near the shore carrying a lantern signifying she was in distress. The junk immediately went alongside and just as the captain and crew were making preparations to render assistance they were met with a volley of rifle-fire. At the same time light snake boats darted out from among the rushes, and boarded the junk. A hand-to-hand conflict took place, with the result that when the captain saw that three of his crew were slain, and many wounded, he very reluctantly had to surrender. The pirates, after gagging the crew, and battered the passengers down in the main hatch, ransacked the place, and got away with over six thousand taels of goods and money. The passengers' baggage was also ransacked.

## Commercial.

TO-DAY'S INTELLIGENCE.

BANK shares are firm, with sales at \$655 and \$657.50 but there are none to be had at the latter rate. HONGKONG, CANTON & MACAO STEAMBOATS have changed hands at \$36.50. INDU-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION shares are depressed, and there are sellers at \$87, but no buyers. CHINA SUGAR REFINERY sales effected at \$84.50 to \$85. There are still sellers of HONGKONG DOCK at \$215, but no response from buyers. WEST POINT BUILDING COS. are in strong demand, and are wanted at \$55. HUMPHREYS ESTATE & FINANCE COS. are slightly weaker; small sales at \$12.25. WATKINS & POWELLS have been done at \$7.50 and \$9.50, respectively. Again sales have been effected in HONGKONG LANDS \$185, and there are buyers but no sellers at that rate.

## WEEKLY SHARE REPORT.

Messrs. Benjamin, Kelly and Potts in their weekly share report, dated 12th inst., state:—Business has been unusually quiet and no movement of any importance has taken place. The market for Hongkong and Shanghai Banks has been very steady throughout the week, with a strong inclination to buy, which has resulted in a further improvement in the rate, while, on the other hand, Indo-Chinas show a heavy decline on the previous quotation.

Banks.—Hongkong and Shanghai Banks have continued to advance and shares can be placed at \$655. The London quotation is at £62. Nationals are to be had at \$27.

Marine Insurances.—Unions have been fixed at \$160, and are still wanted. Traders may be procured at \$58. Cantons are weak and sellers predominate at \$167.

Fire Insurances.—Hongkong Fires are offering at \$345. China Fires have been disposed of at the reduced rate of \$84; the closing quotation is \$85 sellers.

Shipping.—Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboats, after sales at \$37, have fallen to \$36 at which price shares are now offering. Indo-Chinas were in fairly strong request in the early part of the week; but owing to shares offering freely from the North, the market took a sudden turn and rapidly receded to \$88 at which rate there are probable sellers. China and Manilas are quiet at quotation. Douglas Steamships have again changed hands and are still procurable at \$41. Star Ferries have been dealt in at \$23 and \$13 for the old and new shares respectively. Shanghai Tugs are reported sold at Tls. 290. Both Cargo Boats are wanted at Tls. 145. We hear that a scheme is on foot to amalgamate the two Companies.

Nutrition.—China Sugars have changed ownership at \$85; and \$85 at which latter rate there are further sellers. Luzons are quoted at \$123.

Mining.—Punjoms continue steady at \$23 buyers, and Raub at \$4. Jebeus are to be had at \$14. Chinese Engineerings have inquiries at Tls. 74.

Docks, Wharves and Godowns.—Hongkong and Whampoa Docks have been somewhat in strong demand at \$115, but are slightly easier towards the close. At the Extraordinary General Meeting held on the 8th inst., the Directors' proposal for the construction of a new dock (which was never seconded) was emphatically rejected. Farnhams are wanted at Tls. 190. Kowloon Wharfs have been sold at \$38. Hongkew Wharfs have again been done in Shanghai at Tls. 307.

Lands, Hotels and Buildings.—Hongkong Lands have improved in value and, after sales at \$184, are inquired for at \$185. Hongkong Hotels have again been negotiated at \$141. Astor House Hotel have changed hands at \$321. Hotel des Colonies are in request at Tls. 168. Humphreys Estates are without business and can be bought at \$124. Further sales of China Providents at \$93 have taken place and more shares are inquired for.

Canton Mills.—Most stocks under this heading have advanced, and there are buyers of Ewos at Tls. 42, Internationals at Tls. 41, and Laou-Kung-Mows at Tls. 42. Hongkong Cottons remain steady at \$174.

Cigar Companies.—Nothing doing.

Miscellaneous.—Green Island Cements have been placed at \$20 and are now wanted at \$20. A. S. Watsons have sellers at \$144. Watkins are asked for at \$74 after having changed hands at the rate. China Locomotives are in the market at \$25. Electricians have found buyers at \$13.00 for the old, and \$5.65 for the new issue. Dairy Farms are on offer at \$16, ex the dividend of 75 cents paid on the 9th inst. Universals have inquiries at \$21. William Powells have been done at \$94. Langkats are obtainable at Tls. 162.

## TEMP, SUGAR AND RICE.

The following items are extracted from Messrs. Warner, Barnes & Co.'s weekly circular, dated Manila, 29th ult.:

TEMP.

The market continued weak with a declining tendency, and prices have receded about 23 during the fortnight. The dollar value, however, has not been so materially affected owing to the further decline in exchange. Dealers have come to recognize the disparity between their and buyers' ideas, and have consequently been able to dispose of part of their holdings. As we close, there is a slightly better feeling in the market, with buyers and no sellers of Fair Current at \$3.50 per picul, equal, at exchange 1/61 to 1/64; 53 per ton f.o.b.

SUGAR.

Manila.—Nominal, nothing offering for export.

Java.—No crop.

Hollo.—With the fall in exchange, currency prices have gone up, and there have been some small transactions in old crop on the basis of \$1.50 per picul, for usual assorted 8 lbs, which is equal at 64 exchange, to 26.28 per ton.

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Water Supply—We know the supply is limited, but tears flow from laughter and there will be an abundant flow at the *Wrong Mr. Wright*.

N.B.—We do not guarantee to restore buttons burst off with laughter.

Box plan now on view at ROBINSON'S.

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Hongkong, 13th December, 1902. [1359d]



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OUTWARDS.		
FROM	STEAMERS	DUE
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"TELEMACHUS"	On 31st December.
"	"FROM THEUS"	On 8th January.
"	"PIERHUS"	On 14th "
"	"DIEMED"	On 28th "

S.S. "TYDEUS" from GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL has arrived and leaves for SHANGHAI on MONDAY, the 15th instant.

HOMEWARDS.		
FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
LIVERPOOL DIRECT	"ALCINOUS"	On 15th December.
(Taking Cargo at London Rates)	"ULYSES"	On 23rd December.
AMSTERDAM and LONDON	"PELEUS"	On 6th January.
LONDON	"ANTENOR"	On 20th January.
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OUTWARDS.		
FROM	STEAMERS	DUE
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"NINGHOOW"	25th December.
"	"PAELING"	22nd January.
"	"CHINGWO"	3rd February.

## HOMEWARDS.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
MARSEILLES, HAVRE, LONDON and ANTWERP	"TEENKAI"	20th December.
NAPLES, LEGHORN and LONDON	"HYSON"	23rd December.
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SHANGHAI	"WOOSUNG"	16th December.
CHEFOO and SHINYANTAO	"HUNAN"	16th "
SHANGHAI	"CHIHLE"	17th "
CEBU and LOILO	"KATONG"	18th "
AMOI, SAMARANG and SOERABAYA	"KWEIYANG"	22nd "
PORT DARWIN, THURSDAY IS., COOKTOWN, CAIRNS, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE	"CHINGTU"	25th "

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RUBI	2540	R. W. Almond	MANILA (DIRECT)	17th Dec, at Noon.
ZAFIRO	2540	R. Rodger	Do.	24th Dec, at Noon.
DIAMANTE	1980	A. H. Noltey	Do.	Do.
PERLA	1980	J. McGinty	Do.	Do.

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Steamship	Tons	Captain	To Sail
"INDRASAMHA"	5,197	R. P. Craven	Dec. 20, 1902.
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"INDRAPURA"	5,899	A. E. Hollingsworth	Jan. 14, 1903.

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Destinations.	Steamers.	Captains.	Sailing Dates.
FOR TAMSUI	"DAIGI MARU"	T. W. Graves	SUNDAY, 14th December.
FOR FOCHOW	"ANPING MARU"	J. Goto	WEDNESDAY, 17th December.
FOR TAMSUI	"DAIJIN MARU"	T. Ogata	SUNDAY, 21st December.
FOR ANPING	"MAIDZURU MARU"	T. Saito	WEDNESDAY, 24th December.

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For Kumbuck and Samshui—Per *Tung-kong*, to-morrow, at 11 A.M.  
For Canton—Per *Poouan*, to-morrow, the 15th instant, at 9 A.M.  
For Canton—Per *Honam*, on Monday, the 15th instant, at 7 30 A.M.  
For Manila—Per *Tremont*, on Monday, the 15th instant, at 9 A.M.  
For Swatow—Per *Thales*, on Monday, the 15th instant, at 10 A.M.  
For Europe, &c., India, via Taticorin—Per *Indus*, on Monday, the 15th inst., at 11 A.M.  
For Macao—Per *Hungshan*, on Monday, the 15th instant, at 1.15 P.M.  
For Namiao—Per *Twice*, on Monday, the 15th instant, at 3 P.M.  
For Spindian—Per *Mausung*, on Monday, the 15th instant, at 3 P.M.  
For Iloilo, Cebu, Menado and Macassar—Per *Digmo*, on Monday, the 15th instant, at 4 P.M.  
For Canton—Per *Edithan*, on Monday, the 15th instant, at 5 P.M.  
For Singapore, Sourabaya, and Samarang—Per *Meiyda*, on Tuesday, the 16th instant, at 11 A.M.  
For Swatow, Amoy and Fanchow—Per *Haitan*, on Tuesday, the 16th instant, at 11 A.M.  
For Shanghai, Mui, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria, (B.C.) and Seattle, (U.S.A.)—Per *Kinkiu Maru*, on Tuesday, the 16th instant, at 3 P.M.  
For Shanghai—Per *Wosung*, on Tuesday, the 16th instant, at 4 P.M.  
For Chefoo and Chinwantao—Per *Hunan*, on Tuesday, the 16th instant, at 4 P.M.  
For Manila—Per *Rubi*, on Wednesday, the 17th instant, at 10 A.M.  
For Moji, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria, (B.C.) and Tacoma—Per *Tacoma*, on Wednesday, the 17th instant, at 10 A.M.  
For Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria, B.C. and Vancouver—Per *Empress of Japan*, on Wednesday, the 17th instant, at 11 A.M.  
For Singapore, Penang and Calcutta—Per *Lightning*, on Wednesday, the 17th instant, at 2 P.M.  
For Shanghai—Per *Chihli*, on Wednesday, the 17th instant, at 4 P.M.  
For Straits, Colombo and Bombay—Per *Vindobona*, on Thursday, the 18th instant, at 1 P.M.  
For Cebu and Iloilo—Per *Kaisan*, on Thursday, the 18th instant, at 4 P.M.  
For Europe, &c., India, via Taticorin—Per *Bengal*, on Saturday, the 20th inst., at 11 A.M.  
For Amoy, Samarang and Sourabaya—Per *Kwaiyang*, on Monday, the 22nd instant, at 4 P.M.  
For Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Honolulu and San Francisco—Per *Gallie*, on Tuesday, the 23rd instant, at 11 A.M.  
For Manila—Per *Z. Afro*, on Wednesday, the 24th instant, at 10 A.M.  
For Singapore—Per *Malacca*, on Wednesday, the 24th instant, at 10 A.M.  
For Europe, &c., India, via Taticorin—Per *Hayden*, on Wednesday, the 24th instant, at 11 A.M.  
For Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne—Per *Chingtu*, on Monday, the 26th instant, at 3 P.M.

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Anping, &c.	Manduru Maru	Dec. 24
Amoy, &c.	Kwayang	Dec. 12
Bombay, &c.	Bombay Maru	Dec. 22
Bremen, &c.	Sachsen	April 19
	Kiautschou	Mar. 26
	Bayern	Dec. 24
	König Albert	Jan. 7
	Princess Irene	Jan. 21
	Preussen	Mar. 4
	Darmstadt	Feb. 4
	Karl-ruhe	Feb. 13
	Hamburg	Mar. 18
	Prinz Heinrich	April 1
Chelon, &c.	Hunn	Dec. 1
Fiume, &c.	Vindobona	Dec. 17
Poochow, &c.	Anping Maru	Dec. 18
Havre & Hamburg	Stevia	Dec. 17
	Stenburg	Dec. 31
"	Minberg	Jan. 27
"	Silesia	Jan. 27
"	Wurzbur	Feb. 10
"	C. Fred. Louisz.	Feb. 23
Japan	Tamha Maru	Dec. 16
	Yawuta Maru	Dec. 27
Kobe & Yokohama	Sandki Maru	Jan. 2
Liverpool	Alcinous	Dec. 13
	Tydeus	Jan. 20
London	Bengal	Dec. 20
"	Peleus	Jan. 6
"	Antenor	Jan. 20
"	Ulysses	Dec. 23
"	Hyson	Dec. 23
Marseilles, &c.	Malta	Mar. 28
	Sado Maru	Dec. 27
	Indus	Dec. 17
	Teenkai	Jan. 10
Manila	Capeck	Dec. 2
"	Zuhro	Dec. 2
"	Rubi	Dec. 17
"	Roh la Maru	Dec. 17
"	Rosetta Maru	Dec. 2
"	Luongsang	Dec. 10
New York	Orono	Dec. 10
	Adria	Dec. 30
Portland, (Or.)	Indrasamha	Jan. 2
	Indravelli	Jan. 2
San Francisco, &c.	Nippon Maru	Jan. 2
"	Siberia	Feb. 1
"	Gaelic	Dec. 2
"	Coptic	Feb. 1
"	Korea	Dec. 1
"	Hongkong Maru	Dec. 3
"	China	Jan. 1
"	Doria	Feb. 1
"	America Maru	Feb. 1
Shanghai	Ballaarat	Dec. 2
"	Laos	Dec. 1
"	Woosung	Dec. 1
"	Chihli	Dec. 1
Singapore, &c.	Lightning	Dec. 1
Swatow	Thales	Dec. 1
Swatow, &c.	Daijin Maru	Dec. 1
	Daiji Maru	Dec. 1
"	Haitan	Dec. 1
Sydney, &c.	Chingtu	Dec. 2
"	Taiyuan	Jan. 2
"	Tsinan	Feb. 1
"	Changsha	Mar. 1
"	Empire	Dec. 1
"	Hono Maru	Jan. 1
Vancouver &c.	Empress of Japan	Dec. 1
"	Empress of China	Jan. 1
"	Empress of India	Feb. 1
"	Athenian	Dec. 2
"	Tartar	Feb. 2
"	Ningchow	Dec. 2
Victoria, B.C.	Tacoma	Dec. 2
"	Victoria	Jan. 3
"	Tremont	Dec. 2
"	Kinsiu Maru	Dec. 2
"	Shinazo Maru	Dec. 2
Yokohama, &c.	Canton	Dec. 2

Longina, Mr. and

Allen, W. S.  
Andrews, Mrs. P. and  
child  
Aguada, Mr. & Mrs. F.  
Bailey, W. S.  
Baring, M.  
Bell, J. T.  
Black, J.  
Black, R. W.  
Blackwell, R. A.  
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Bonnet, F.  
Borthwick, Mr. & Mrs.  
R. W.  
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Brown, J. W.  
Brown, M. S.  
Carter, F. S.  
Casswell, Capt. & Mrs.  
and maid  
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Clark, W. J.  
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Combe, T.  
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Cohn, Mr. & Mrs. N.  
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Newson, F. W.  
North, R. N., C. J.  
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Rosenhal, H. S.  
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Wester, Miss N. M.  
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William, A. J.  
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Whitman, Capt. & Mrs.  
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 Stokes, Mrs.  
 Wilgrees, Mr. and Mrs.  
     and child

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James, C. J.  
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Kerr, R.  
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McGregor, Norval  
Michaels, S.  
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Rivera, Mr. and Mrs.  
    A.  
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Sules, Mrs. W. E.  
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    and Miss H. R.      Mrs. and child-  
Hervey, Sir Henry      Hewitt, A. P. D., Capt.  
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Hewley, R. A. M. C., Maj.      Howes, A. H.  
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    children      Koch, C.  
Hudson, R. P. R. A.      Macnamara, R. N., Staff  
    Brayne, H.      Surgeon & Mrs. H. W.  
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Chapman, Mr. & Mrs.      Norris, R. N., Surgeon  
    and Mrs.      and Mrs. H. L.  
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Crake, William A.      Philpot, Leonard D.  
Crichton, A. R. Capt.      Pollock, K. C. H. Capt.  
    and Mrs. II.      Radcliffe, R. E., Capt.  
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and Mrs. W. A. C.      Reid, Mr. & Mrs. T. H.  
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    P. H.      Sawyer, Mrs. E. H.  
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Foybes, Andrew      Sm th, Mrs. Harrison  
French, A. S. C., Major      Spackshaver, W. O. C.  
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Crockett, Mrs.  
Crockett, Miss  
Dow, I. C.  
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Nobbs, A. P.  
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- child and amah  
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Manselhoff F.

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     and 2 children      Mangelsdorff, E.  
 Bernasconi, G.      Nakashina, K.  
 Edwards, J. Mrs.      Redfern, Mrs. J. R. and  
 Houghton, Mrs.      2 children  
 Kéing, Carl      Symington, J. R.  
 Keith, Mr. and Mrs.      Wissing, Capt. & Mrs.  
     and 2 children      P.  
 Kaut, Dr.

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December 11th, 1922, p.m.							
STATION.	HOUR.	BAROMETER.	TEMPERATURE.	HUMIDITY.	DIRECTION.	WIND-FORCE.	WEATHER.
Wladivostok	2 p.m.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Nemuro	"	30.55	—	—	—	—	0 6
Hakodate	"	30.44	—	—	SE	6	—
Tokio	"	30.33	—	—	NE	6	—
Kochi	"	30.11	—	—	NE	8	—
Nagasaki	"	30.07	—	—	E	6	—
Kingoshima	"	30.03	—	—	E	2	6
Oshima	"	29.96	—	—	E	6	—
Naha	"	30.0	—	—	E	6	—
Ishigakijima.	"	30.0	—	—	NE	4	—
Taihouku	1 p.m.	30.06	—	—	E	4	0
Taichu	"	29.94	—	—	—	4	0
Tainan	"	29.95	—	—	N	4	—
Koshun	"	29.96	—	—	NE	8	—
Pescadores	"	29.96	—	—	NE	10	—
Guzlaf	3 p.m.	30.25	39.76	—	NE	4	cy
Sharp Penk.	"	30.10	39.79	—	NW	4	—
Anoy	2.30 p.	30.10	63	78	E	4	0 0
Swatow	3 p.m.	30.04	68	84	E	4	0 0
Canton	"	30.02	71	80	E	4	0 0
Hongkong	4 p.m.	30.02	69	81	E	2	0
Victoria Peak	"	—	—	—	E	4	—
Gap Rock	"	29.99	—	—	E	4	—
Macao	"	30.01	69	—	NNE	4	c
Haiphong	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Manila	"	29.84	86	78	SE	2	c
Malate	3 p.m.	—	—	—	S	6	c
Bacolod	"	29.84	87	—	NE	6	b
Iloilo	"	—	—	—	E	1	b
Cebu	"	29.84	85	—	N	4	—
C. St. James.	4 p.m.	—	—	—	—	—	—

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Viadivostock	7 a.m.							
Emuru	6 a.m.	30.51				S	4	6
Hakodate	"	30.44				SE	N	6
Tokio	"	30.22						
Kochi	"	30.11				NE	N	8
Nagasaki	"	30.07						
Nagashima	"	30.00				E	6	0
Oshima	"	30.00						
Naha	"	30.01				NE	2	1
Ishigakijima	"	29.97				N	2	4
Taihoku	5 a.m.	30.02						
Taichu	"	29.94				N	2	2
Tainan	"	29.95						
Koshun	"	29.98				NE	4	2
Pescadores	"	29.95				NE	0	0
Guilfaif	9 a.m.	30.20	51	77				cv
Sharp Peak	"	30.09	60	88		NW	3	2
Amoy	6.30 a.m.	30.13	66	89		NE	1	0
Swatow	9 a.m.							
Canton	"							
Hongkong	10 a.m.	30.13	66	88		NW	1	0
Victoria Peak	"					N	3	0
Gap Rock	"	30.10				NW	5	0
Macao	"	30.15	66			NW	2	0
Hai Phong	"							
Manila	"	29.92	82	77		E	1	c
Malate	9 a.m.					E	1	0
Bacolod	"					E	0	b
Iloilo	"	29.93	81			NE	1	b
Cebu	"	29.94	84			N	1	c
C. St. James	10 a.m.							

### PRICES.

Corrected to Friday, December 11th, 1902.  
At 100 cents per Dollar Mexican.

**Cents**

Corne'd—Ham Ngau Yuk .....	16
Roast—Shiu .....	11
Soup, Tong Yuk .....	10
Steak—Ngau Yuk 'a .....	10
Sausages,—Ngau Yuk Chaung .....	1
Bullock's Brains— " Know— " per set .....	4
Tongue fresh—Ngau Li— " each .....	5
" corned—Ham Ngau Li— " .....	6
Head—Ngau 'au .....	11
Heart—Ngau Sum .....	11
Hump, Salt—Ngau Kin— " .....	11
Feet—Ngau Kerik— " each .....	11
Kidneys—Ngau Yiu .....	11
Tail—Ngau Mei .....	10
" Liver—Ngau Con .....	11
" Tripe (uncuss'd)—Ngau To .....	11
Calves'— " Feet—Ngau-chi— " set .....	7
" tau-keuk— " .....	2
Mutton Chop—Yeung Pui Kwat .....	2
" Leg—Yeung Pei .....	2
" Shoulder—Yeung Shau .....	11
Pigs' Chittlings—Chi cheung .....	11
" Feet—Chi Keok .....	11
" Fry—Chi Chak .....	11
" Head—Chi Tau .....	11
" Heart—Chi Sum .....	11
" Kidneys—Chi Yiu .....	pair
" Liver—Chi Kon .....	11
Pork, Chop—Chi Pui Kwat .....	2
" Corne'd—Ham Chu Yuk .....	11
" Leg—Chu Pei .....	11
" Fat or Lard—Chi Yu .....	11
Sheeps' Head—and Feet—Yeung 'tau .....	5
" Kerk .....	11
" Heart—Yeung Sum .....	11
" Kidneys—Yeung Yiu .....	11
" Liver—Yeung Yiu .....	11
Sucking Pigs, To Order—Chi Kwat .....	2
Suet, Beef—Sung Ngau Yu .....	11
" Mutton—Sung Yeung Yau .....	2
" Veal—yau 'chai Yuk .....	11
" Sausages—Ngau Chai Yuk Tong .....	11

## Poultry.

Chicken—Kai Chai	lb	2
Capons, Large, Small—Sin Kai	doz	2
Ducks—Ap	doz	1
Doves—Pan Kau	each	2
Eggs, Hen—Kai Tan	per doz	2
Fowls, Canton—Kai	doz	2
Hainan—Hoi Nam Kai	doz	2
Geese—Ngo	pair	1
Geese, Wild Shanghai—Sheung Hoi	pair	1
Ngo	pair	1
Musk Deer—Wong Keng	each	\$4.00
Hare—Tui Chai	doz	2
Partridge—Khe Khoo	doz	2
Pheasant—Shan Kai	pair	\$1.00

Rice Birds—Wo Fa Cheuk .....dozen

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Snipe—Sa Chui ..... each  
Turkeys, Cock—Fo Kai Kung ..... "  
Hen—" " Na ..... "  
Wild Ducks, Shanghai, Sui-ap ..... pair  
Teal, Shanghai, Sui Ap Chai.....each  
Wild Ducks—Canton—Sang, Shing Sui  
Apea.....per pair

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Canton Fresh Water Fish—Hoi Sin Yu	11
Carp—Li Yu	11
Catfish—Chik Yu	11
Codfish—Mun Yu	11
Crabs—Hoi	11
Cuttle Fish—Muk Yu	11
Dab—Sa Mang Yu	11
Dace—Wong Mei Lun	11
Dog Fish—Tit Tu Sa	11
Eels, Congor—Hoi Man	11
Fresh water—Tam Sui Yu	11
Yellow—Wong Sin	11
Frogs—Tien Kai	11
Garpuna—Sek Pui	11

Yu .....

Halibut—Cheung Kwan Yu .....	11
Labrus—Wong Fa Yu .....	12
Loach—Wu Yu .....	12
Lochers—Lung Ha .....	12
Mackerel—Chi Yu .....	12
Monk Fish—Mon Yu .....	12
Mullet—Chai Yu .....	12
Oysters—Sang Hoo .....	12
Parrotfish—Kai Kung Yu .....	12
Petch—Tau Loo .....	12
Pike—Fa Paw Poong .....	12
Plaice—Pan Yu .....	12
Pomfret, Black—Pak Chong .....	12
Pomfret, White—Hak Chong .....	12
Prawns—Ming Ha .....	12
Ray—Pei Fa Sa .....	12
Rock Fish—Sek Kau Kung .....	12
Roach—Chun Yu .....	12
Salmon, (Clon), fresh water—Ma Yu .....	12
Shark—Sa Yu .....	12
Skate—Po Yu .....	12
Shrimps—Ha .....	12
Sole—per Yu .....	12
Sole, flat—Fat Yu .....	12
Tench—Wan Yu .....	12
Turbot—Cho Ho Yu .....	12
Turtles, small, fresh water—Keok Yu .....	12
White, Pail—Nean Yu Chai .....	12

**Fruits.**

Almond—Hung Yan.....	lb
Apples, (California)—Kam San Ping	
Ko.....	lb
(Chefoo)—Tin Chun Ping,	
Ko.....	lb
Small—Hoi Tong.....	lb
Custard—Fan Lai Chi.....	each

e—Foong Lut....  
Tou.....

Cocoanuts—Yeh Tsz ..... each  
Grapes—Sin Tai Tsz ..... lb.  
Lemons, Chiao—Ning Moong ..... lb.  
Lichees, Dried—Lai Chi Con .....  
    " Fresh, Small stone—Chut Wat .....  
    " Lai Chi .....  
    " Large " —Tai Wat .....  
Limes, (Saigon)—Sai Kung Ningning .....  
    " Moong ..... each  
Mango, (Saigon)—Sai Kung Moong .....  
Mango, Saigon—Sai Kung Moong .....  
Mangosteens, San Chuk Tsz ..... doz.  
Oranges, (Canton)—San Sheng Tim .....  
    " Chang .....  
    " Small—Tai Kut .....  
    " Mandarin—Tim Kut .....  
Olives—Pak Lam ..... lb.  
Pears, (American)—Kam San Shut Li .....  
    " (Canton), Cooking—Sa Li .....  
    " (Shanghai)—Sheung Hoi Li .....  
Pine-apples, 3rd quality—Sheung Poon Fong .....  
    " 1st Paw-law ..... each  
    " and 'cok' ing—Chung-lang .....  
Peanuts, Paw-law .....  
Persimmons Large, Hung Chie .....  
Pumelo, Siam—Chim Lo Yau .....  
Plantains—Tai Chen .....  
Walnuts, Hop Tou .....

## etables, &amp;c.

Artichokes, Shanghai—Sheung Hoi Aai .....  
Chi Chauk .....  
Beans, (French) Macao—Oh Moon Pin .....  
Tau .....  
Beans, (French), Shanghai—Sheung Hoi Aai .....  
Pin Tau .....  
Beans, Sprouts—Ah Chee .....  
Beans Long, Hong Kong .....  
Root Root, Hung Chik Tau ..... each  
Brinjals, Green—Cheng Yueh Ker .....  
Brinjals, Red—Ilung Ker .....  
Brassica—Pak Choi .....  
Bamboo Shoots—Chook Shue .....  
Cabbage, Chinese, com.—Kai Choy .....  
Cabbage Krot—Kai Lan Tau ..... each  
Cabbages, (Shanghai)—Yeh Choi .....  
Cane Sicots, bunch—Kau Shun .....  
Cauliflower, Large size—Tai Yeh Chai .....  
FA .....  
Cauliflower, Medium size—Cheung Yeh .....  
Chui-fa ..... each  
Cauliflower, Small size—Sai Yeh Choi-fa .....  
Carrots—Kan Shun .....  
Celery, Chinese—Tong Kan Chey .....  
Celery, English—Yeung Kan Choi .....

Lat, Chiu

Red—Hung Fa  
Green—Cheng Lat Chiu  
Curry Stuff, English—Ka Lee Choi Lit  
Cucumbers—Cheng Kw  
Ritter Squash—Fu Kwa  
Garlic—Yuen Tau  
Ginger, young—Sun Tsz Keung  
          old—Lo Keung  
Horse Radish; Shanghai—Lik Kan  
Indian Corn—Suk Mai  
Lettuce—Yeung Sang Choi  
Water Chestnut—Kwei Lai  
Mushrooms—Fung Sang Cho Kho  
Onions, Bombay—Yeung Chung Tau  
          Green—Sang Chung  
Shall—Sheung Hoi Chung Tau  
Japan—Yat Poon  
Okroes—Mo Ker  
Parsley, English—Yeung Un Sai  
Green Peas—Cheng Tau  
Potatoes, Sweet—Fan Shu  
          Shanghai—Sheung Hoi Shu  
          Tsai  
          Japan—Yat Poon Shu Tsai  
          American—Fa Ki  
          Fochow—Fuk Chau Shu Tsai  
          Macao—Oh Moon  
Pumpkin—Toong Kwa  
Radish—Hung Lo Pak Tsai  
Shallots—Don Chung Tau  
Spinners (Chinese)—Paw Choi  
Spinach—Yuen Hoi  
Tomatoes—Fan Shu  
Taro—Wu Tau  
Turnips, Pua-ti (Long)—Low Pak  
          English—Yung Low Pak  
Vegetable Marrow—Chit Kwa  
Water Cresses—Sai Yeung Choi  
Yams—Tai Shu

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## LATEST QUOTATIONS:

(DECEMBER 13th)

STOCKS.	PAID UP VALUE.	LATEST QUOTATION.
<b>Banks.</b>		
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation	\$ 125	\$655 buyers
National Bank of China, Limited	£ 8	\$27 sellers
Do. Founders	£ 1	\$10
<b>Marine Insurances.</b>		
Union Insurance Society of Canton, Limited	\$ 50	\$460 sales and buyers
China Traders' Insurance Company, Limited	\$ 25	\$58
North China Insurance Company, Limited	£ 25	\$133 1771 sales
Yangtze Insurance Association, Limited	\$ 60	\$133 buyers
Canton Insurance Office, Limited	\$ 50	\$1674 sellers
<b>Fire Insurances.</b>		
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Limited	\$ 50	\$345 sellers
China Fire Insurance Company, Limited	\$ 20	\$85 sellers
<b>Shipping.</b>		
Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Company, Limited	\$ 15	\$364 sellers
Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited	£ 10	\$88
China and Manila Steamship Company, Limited	\$ 50	\$23 sellers
Do. ited	\$ 5	nominal
Douglas Steamship Company, Limited	\$ 50	\$24 sales and sellers
"Star" Ferry Company, Limited	\$ 10	\$23 sales and sellers
"Shell" Transport and Trading Company, Limited	£ 5	\$13 sales and buyers
Shanghai Tug Boat Company, Limited	Taels 100	Taels 200 sales
Taku Tug and Lighter Company, Limited	Taels 50	Taels 55 sales
Shanghai Cargo Boat Company, Limited	Taels 100	Taels 145 buyers
Co-operative Cargo Boat Company, Limited	Taels 100	Taels 145 buyers
<b>Refineries.</b>		
China Sugar Refining Company, Limited	\$ 100	\$85 sellers
Luzon Sugar Refining Company, Limited	\$ 100	\$124
Perak Sugar Refining Company, Limited	Taels 50	Taels 774
<b>Mining.</b>		
Punjom Mining Company, Limited	\$ 10	\$24
Punjom Mining Preference Shares	\$ 1	75 cents sales and sellers
Société Française des Charbonnages du Tonkin	Francs 250	\$600 sellers
Jelebu Mining and Trading Company, Limited	\$ 5	\$141 sellers
Raub A'lan Gold Mining Company, Limited	£ 185	\$64
Chinese Engineering & Mining Company, Ltd.	£ 1	Taels 74 buyers
<b>Docks, Wharves and Godowns.</b>		
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, Limited	\$ 50	\$215 sellers
S. C. Farnham, Boyd & Co., Ltd.	Taels 100	Taels 190 buyers
Kowloon and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited	\$ 50	\$80 sales
New Amoy Dock Company, Limited	\$ 64	\$40 sellers
Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf & Godown Company, Limited	Taels 100	Taels 3074 sales
<b>Lands, Hotels and Building.</b>		
China Provident Loan and Mortgage Company, Limited	\$ 10	\$94 sales and buyers
Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Company, Limited	\$ 100	\$185 buyers
Kowloon Land and Building Company, Ltd.	\$ 30	\$31
West Point Building Company, Limited	\$ 50	\$55 buyers
Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited	\$ 50	\$141
Oriente Hotel Company, Limited (Manila)	\$ 50	\$374
Astor House Hotel Co., Limited (Shanghai)	\$ 25	\$324 sales
Hôtel des Colonies Co., Ltd. (Shanghai)	Taels 25	Taels 164 buyers
Queen's Hotel (Wel-hai-wel)	Taels 25	Taels 25
Humphrey's Estate and Finance Company, Limited	\$ 10	\$124 sellers
Shanghai Land Investment Company, Limited	Taels 50	Taels 125 sellers
<b>Cotton Mills.</b>		
Hongkong Cotton Spinning, Weaving and Dyeing Company, Limited	\$ 10	\$174
Ewo Cotton Spinning and Weaving Company, Limited	Taels 100	Taels 42 buyers
International Cotton Manufacturing Company, Limited	Taels 100	Taels 41 buyers
Laou-kung-mow Cotton Spinning and Weaving Company, Limited	Taels 100	Taels 42 buyers
Soy Chee Cotton Spinning Company, Limited	Taels 500	Taels 1504
<b>Tobacco, Cigar and Cigarette Company.</b>		
Alhambra, Limited	\$ 500	\$500 sellers
Philippine Tobacco Trust Co., Limited	\$ 50	\$40 sellers
Shanghai-Sumatra Tobacco Company	\$ 20	Taels 45 buyers
American Cigarette Company, Limited	Taels 50	Taels 40
<b>Miscellaneous.</b>		
Green Island Cement Company, Limited	\$ 10	\$201 buyers
China-Borneo Company, Limited	\$ 15	\$25 sellers
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited	\$ 10	\$144 sales and sellers
Watkins, Limited	\$ 10	\$71 sales and buyers
Hongkong Electric Company, Limited	\$ 10	\$130 sales and sellers
Hongkong Electric Company, Limited	\$ 15	\$665 sales and buyers
Hongkong and China Gas Company, Limited	£ 10	\$143 buyers
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Limited	\$ 50	\$120
Geo. Fenwick & Co., Limited	\$ 25	\$50 sales
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	\$ 25	\$240
Hongkong High-Level Tramways Co., Ltd.	\$ 100	\$145
Dairy Farm Company, Limited	\$ 6	\$11 ex div. sellers
Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited	\$ 50	\$40 sellers
Campbell, Moore & Co., Limited	\$ 10	\$35
Bell's Asbestos Eastern Agency, Limited	£ 125. 6d.	\$1 buyers
United Asbestos Oriental Agcy., Limited	\$ 4	\$84 sellers
Do. Founders	\$ 10	\$155
Tebrau Planting Company, Limited	\$ 50	nominal
Universal Trading Co., Limited	\$ 20	\$21 buyers
Hongkong Steam Water-boat Co., Limited	\$ 7	\$84 buyers
China Light and Power Co., Limited	\$ 20	\$13 sellers
Robinson Piano Co., Limited	\$ 50	\$50
Manila Investment Co., Limited	\$ 50	\$124
William Powell, Limited	\$ 10	\$94 sales
Maatschappij tot Mijn. Bosch-en Landbouw exploitatie in Langkat	Guild rs 100	Taels 1624 sellers
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VESSEL'S NAME	FROM	AGENTS	DUE
Vindobona	Kobe	Sander, Wieler & Co.	To-morrow
Alecinous	Yan-chai	(Afterfield & Swire	To-morrow
Sankian	Manila	Burfield & Swire	To-morrow
Lars	Singon	Bussagaries Maritimes	December 15th
Canton	Singapore	P. & O. S. N. Co.	December 15th
Tumba Maru	Singapore	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	December 15th
Gaelic	Shanghai	Pacific Mail S. S. Co.	December 16th
Kumsang	Singapore	Trading, Matheson & Co.	December 16th
Silesia	Singapore	Samsson & Co.	December 17th
Merionethshire	Singapore	Shewan, Tomes & Co.	December 18th
Athenian	Japan	C. P. & R. Co.	December 18th
Empress of China	Vancouver	C. P. & R. Co.	December 22nd
Hongkong Maru	San Francisco	Pacific Mail S. S. Co.	December 23rd
Noguchius	Singapore	Butterfield & Swire	December 25th
Telencus	Glasgow	Butterfield & Swire	December 25th
China	San Francisco	P. & O. S. N. Co.	December 31st
Prometheus	Glasgow &c.	Butterfield & Swire	January 8th
Doric	San Francisco	Pacific Mail S. S. Co.	January 8th
Indravelli	Portland, O.	P. & A. S. S. Co.	January 10th

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